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AN OLD STORY REVAMPED.

The Venerable Woman Who Traded On Egg to Great Advantage.

Speaking of close competition, the historian is reminded of a case out west that probably came as near bringing business down to hardpan as anything that Massachusetts dealers are familiar with. Two rival "general dealers" struck a new town with their commercial curiosity shops the same day, and each set about running out the They dealt in every sort of goods needed to supply the wants of a primitive community. One of the dealers, in order to completely put his competitor to rout, an-nounced that he would give a free drink of whisky with every purchase, and the business came pouring in.

There have upon the dealer's vision one afternoon a venerable female, who proceeded to unroll from her pocket-handkerchief, with much impressiveness, a single hen's egg, thich she laid upon the counter.

"What are you givin' for eggs?" said she.
"Twenty-five cents a dozen." "Well, that's a little over two cents apiece, said the old woman. "What are you gittin' for darnin' needles ?" "A cent apiece."

"Three for two cents, I suppose. Well, take this 'ere egg and give me three darnin' The dealer agreed to the bargain and

passed her over the darning needles.

"Now for the drink," said the old woman. The bottle and tumbler were set out and the old woman poured a liberal portion into

"I say, stranger," said she, "I don't like whisky nohow without an egg in it. Break one in, will you?" The dealer shrugged his shoulders and

broke into the woman's glass the egg that he had just "traded" for. And behold, as he did so two yolks fell into the whisky. "Hoorny!" said the old woman, as she drank off the contents of the glass. "It's a

double-yolked egg. Now, give me three more darain' needles, please, for the extra The dealer passed out the three extra needles with sublime resignation, and the old woman art around as if she were waiting for

"I say, stranger," she said, finally, "you don't call them three last darnin' needles a new trade, do ye?"

The dealer reached for his gun and the woman disappeared through the door.—Bor Analyst. ton Record.

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Driving Away the Organ Grinders.

"Yet in spite of the apparent desolution of the district, two Italian organ grinders are haunting the street. They play a tune or so behind one another nearly all day long, be-ginning before I get up. I don't interfere with them now. Several of the girls in the hassward of the desolute margings, like it but basement of the desolate mansions like it, but ours is a quiet street. But I have dismissed the organ grinders in double-quick time. In Italy I found that the regular policeman's warning was 'Caminate!' The first time I tried it on an organ grinder the effect was magical. I said to my man in a business like way 'Caminate subito!' and he vanished like the apparition of a ghost. I also hit upon another scheme. Make a toss in the air with your chin. This is the only negative gesture understood in Naples. It is the exact reverse of the affirmative nod. At any rate, many organ grinders understand it very well, and would be more likely to obey it bet-ter than dissentient English threats or shakes of the head. The two methods placed together are as if a New York pickpocket, looking out for work in the Strada del Populo, were to be accested by an Italian policeman in citizen's clothes with a Bowery wink and 'come, now, move on.' Try it once. It is certainly better than telling a falsehood about there being a sick person in the room, which the signor in tattered clothes does not comprehend."—New York Sun.

Henry Watterson now "looks as if he never had an hour's illness in his life."

CHAPTER ON QUACKS.

THE IMMORTAL REPRESENTATIVES OF THE HUMAN FLEA.

Thriving in the Sixteenth Century-"Lo, the Poor's" System of Medicine-Nearly a Million Recorded Preparations-Wandering into New Fields.

The homo Americanus enjoys the possession of many parasites. Like his faithful companion, the dog, and his household friend, the cat, he is regularly attacked and punctured by the merry flea. At times the pedi-culus frumanus drops from unknown limboes and makes life a burden. The tick, burra-shuta, black fly, cimex and bichu occasion-ally do their best to deplote him of his blood and to transform his existence into an actual nightmare. In respect to these insect pests man is on a level with the brute creation. Both he and they are attacked alike, suffer alike and alike employ the means to rid themselves of disagreeable intimates. But even as to parasites man rises far above the animal. Just as he speaks while his brute relatives are silent. Just as he drops into verse while his simian cousins content themselves with yawps and howls. Just as he cooks while the rest of creation eats his food raw. So man has discovered and developed the quack—a parasite unknown to all other animals. The natural history of the quack is long and interesting. Like the tapeworm and other low types of life he assumes different forms at different periods. Among Indians he is known as a medicine man; among negroes as a voodou y au obi; among Italians as a jettaturist; among Americans as the "Hon. ————, manufacturer of the Golden Salve of Immortality," etc. THE QUACK IS IMMORTAL

Though quacks die, the quack is immortal. Old books show him to have thrived in the Sixteenth century, when, for a doubloon, he dispensed a healing balm composed of monkey fat, the hair of a black dog, white zine and resemany. The cheerful preparation de-scribed by Shakespeare, in the witch scene of "Macbeth," is a good satire upon the quackery of that period. In the Eighteenth century the quack took advantage of the Indian wars of this country, to rush into the "root and yarb" business. Indian doctors, Indian remedies and Indian panaceas sprouted out all over America and Europe. Happily for humanity but little harm was done. "Lo, the poor" has a simple system of medicine. When cut or bruised, he chews up the first leaves he can find into a green pulp and slaps this upon a wound. When bilious or feverish he chews and swallows leaves until he runs neross something with drastic tendencies and cures the disease from which he suffers by

substituting dysentery or colic.
From 1810 to 1880, the quack did business From 18:0 to 1880, the quace and cosmess upon the patent medicine basis. In that period no less than 831,800 recorded prepara-tions have been put upon the markets of Europe and America. Of these, 10 per cent, have brought wealth to their makers and I per cent have produced fortunes. Strange to say, most of these are made by neither physicians nor chemists, but by business men with little or no knowledge of medicine or with little or no knowledge or medicine or science. One New York manufacturer, who probably is representative of the trade at large, produces a cough remedy, a lozenge, a cholagogue, a sedative and nervine, all of which contain powerful or poisonous drugs. He himself reads and writes, but cannot keep his own books nor read the formulas on which his goods are made. WANDERING INTO NEW FIELDS.

Since 1880 the quack has entered into new fields. Seeing the progress of the age to be chemistry and electric science, he has fol-lowed the chemist and the electrician, and in many cases has passed far beyond these to realms where science has not yet trod. One of these sells an electrical garment that will cure every ill, from chilblains to locomotor Briefly described, it is a zinc under shirt and copper drawers, with a fool be-tween to complete the circuit. Another philanthropist of the same breed extracts from horse's noblest food, the oat, a new al-kaloid, alongside of which morphine and quinine sink into insignificance. A third combines phosphorus and other poisons to produce a nostrum, of which one drop restores the exhausted rone and the worn-out nymph to fresh and vigorous youth. And so modern nostrum, and make it pay, do as follows: To a gallon of water add coloring matter enough to give a hideous bue, and flavoring sufficient to make it nauscous. Dis-solve in it a little poison of any sort, but with a polysyllabic name. Hire a bad doctor to get up testimonials; a good journalist to write up the system of every disease as being specially cured by the new remedy, and a first-class advertising agent to "boom the biz." Upon the above directions any careful man, with \$10,000 to invest, can realize a competence, if not a fortune, and obtain the respect of both himself and the public. We have no particular ill-will toward the quack. It may be that he fills some useful function in the divine dispensation, and is an agency of good. Certainly be does assist in eliminating the ignorant and the foolish, and so increase the intelligence and intellect of society.—

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The Old-Time Virginia Cock Aunt Lyddy, a true type of the eld-time Virginia cook, was not tempted when freedom came to desert her former master's home, and she takes great pride in teaching the younger members of the family the secret of her art. She is noted for the delicacy of her preserves, and recently, while putting up strawberries, expatiated in he following manner to one of the daughters who was anxious to learn: "See here, honey; it jest takes 'nust sugar on de ripe, clean, dry berries to resolve 'em, and den ye mus set 'em on a quiet like kind o' fire an' let 'em stan' long 'nuff jes to draw de ng-ger outen 'em; den luff 'em cool quite like 'fore ye puts 'em up in de glassea."—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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